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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Request for Continued Prosecution Application (CPA)
Appl. No. 09/064,057; filed April 22, 1998
For: **Compositions and Methods for Reverse Transcription of Nucleic Acid
Molecules**
Inventors: Gerard *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.4330002/RWE

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/17) (in duplicate);
2. Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) Request Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/29) (in duplicate);
3. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) (in duplicate);
4. Check No. 32213 the amount of \$2,208.00 to cover:

\$ 710.00 Basic filing fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a));
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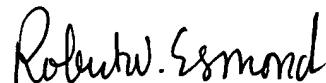
5. One return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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